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The said church and its servants may keep the said piece with the herbage and everything growing therein, from all persons, and may take malefactors found within their wood, and pursue them without, and receive amends thereof, according to the uses and customs of the said forest, without prejudice to any other person, and on condition that the said church cannot acquire anything of shrievalty or high or low justice. And if without the knowledge of the servants of the said church anyone should suffer forfeit in anything therein, and the servants of the king and queen should receive or arrest a malefactor outside the wood of the said church, the latter shall have a moiety of the amends, and the king and queen the other moiety.

The said church may also set up bounds (bonare) to the said wood or piece of wood, so that no impediment is caused to the beasts of the woods or those hunting them, or obstacle to prevent them coming and going therein as elsewhere in the said forest.

If corn or oats or other grain be there, the said church may enclose it, as is usual in that forest, with such enclosure as is not harmful or prejudicial to the beasts, as long as the corn is there. And in the said piece of wood they may enclose four journaux to make a grange (managium), to the use of the said church.

And in return for the said church quit claiming and renouncing in favour of the king and queen all and singular articles contained in the letters and privileges of the said Joan, making mention of the above usagium, and promising never to go against the premises, the king and queen grant that the said charters and privileges as to all other articles not making mention of the said usagium, shall remain in their full virtue as before, and will warrant that all and singular the above things be preserved to them in mortmain.

May 11. Ratification to the prior and convent of Holy Trinity, Norwich, of a grant to them by John de Wygenhale of 20 acres of land in Ilsington, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain.

May 11. Writ de intendendo to the tenants of the abbey of Mont St. Michel for John called ‘Lesae,’ elected to be abbot.

May 13. Grant to Richard de Stretton of the bailiwick of the hundred of Knightewad at the rent of 29l. 17s., as he paid before.

April 22. Commission of oyer and terminer to Walter de Helyun and William le Woodstock.